



GE Council

February 11, 2013, 1:00-4:00pm
Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway – Suite 1600
Denver, CO

MEETING NOTES

I. Greetings and Introductions

Geri Anderson (CCCS)
Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPCC)
Erin Frew (CSU-P)
Alan Lamborn (CSU)
John Lanning (UCD)
Jeff London (CFAC-MSU Denver)
David Moon (UCCS)
Barbara Morris (FLC)
Richard Nishikawa (UCB)
Frank Novotny (ASU)
Jeff Reynolds (Aims)
Todd Ruskell (CSM)
Sunny Schmitt (CMC)
Tom Smith (UNC)
Heather Thiessen-Reily (for Patricia Manzanares-Gonzales WSCU)
Scott Thompson (CCCS-NJC)
Sheila Thompson (MSU Denver)
Sandy Veltri (CCCS-FRCC)
Steve Werman (CMU)
Ian Macgillivray (DHE)
Maia Blom (DHE)
Guest: Margaret Doell – ACE Fellow from UCCS

II. Adoption of last meeting's notes – December 10, 2012 [See handout: *December 10 notes*]
Adopted.

III. Norm setting for group discussions: ensuring politeness, restraint & respect.
Tabled.

IV. Information Items

- A. gtPathways List of Reviewers – 2009-2012 [See handout: *gtPathways List of Reviewers – 2009-2012 – final*] **Deadline for list of courses is Friday, February 15, 2013.**
- B. CRJ agreement approved by CCHE. Question for GEC: when do STAAs become effective after their approval dates? **STAAs become effective at the beginning of the following academic year. For the CRJ agreement, the effective date would be the beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year or Fall 2013.**

V. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Elementary Teacher Education Articulation Agreement—“other 19” [See handout: *Qualifying Courses that Satisfy Other 19 Credit Hours in ELED Articulation Agreement_1-11-13*] **ELED and ECE faculty will be convened at the fall 2013 Fac2Fac to start discussions on revising this agreement. GE Council requested Ian send an email clarifying that there are no state required courses for any program, only state required standards that must be fit into whatever coursework faculty choose for a teacher preparation program.**
- If the CCCS courses listed in the left-hand column for your institution do not add up to exactly 19 credits, you may be asked to update this document. **UCCS and UCD need to revise.**
 - For your reference, the ELED agreement and “other 19” documents are linked at: <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/> **Ian will delete the right-hand columns from each table in this document as there are not necessarily course equivalents at the receiving institution and it confuses students.**
- B. Potential issue to be aware of: At Fac2Fac the GE Council rep says, “The first 60 credits must apply to the DEGREE” but what faculty sometimes hear is, “The first 60 credits must apply to the MAJOR” and that’s why we’re having all these footnotes?
- **Discussion: it is not commonly understood among IHEs/faculty that each institution may choose how to apply transfer credit: transfer credit may apply toward the major or as elective credit within the degree.**
 - **DHE’s stance is that this choice is presumed in each statewide transfer articulation agreement. GE Council requested more clarification/assurance concerning this issue. DHE staff will remove “for the Major” from the “Additional Required Courses” section of the Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet template because this notation was leading faculty to believe that all community college coursework must be applied to the major at the receiving institution.**
 - **DHE affirms that each institution is allowed to choose how to apply transfer credit and there is no requirement that any course in the “Additional Required Courses” section must be applied to the major requirements at the receiving institution. DHE’s main concern, and the point of the agreements, is that students can complete their bachelor’s degree in no more than an additional 60 credits at the receiving institution.**

- Ian will draft such language to be included on the Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet template. The comment was made that the revised “Please note” on the current version of the Philosophy agreement may be good language to incorporate in every agreement:

Please note: If these credits are *not* required for the *major* at a receiving 4-year institution, they will be applied to the Bachelor’s degree as *elective credit* towards graduation. Please check with the receiving institution to determine in which way these courses will be applied.

- A committee was formed to create a “Facilitator’s Checklist” for GEC facilitators to use at Fac2Fac conferences with the discipline groups. The checklist will highlight important points specific to an institution and the discipline. Committee members: John L., Sheila T., Wayne A., and Jeff L.

C. Idea for revising the Engineering Agreement. [See handout: *Phase 1-Curriculum Worksheet-ENGINEERING-Ian’s first stab.*]

- Please note this is an attempt to list OPTIONS to assist engineering faculty in starting the discussion when we bring them together. This is EXTREMELY rudimentary at this point so please do not distribute. For consideration: Is this a helpful discussion starter? What’s missing? GE Council agreed this format might work for a bachelor’s degree in one engineering discipline if enough commonality can be found during Fac2Fac discussions. It was decided that engineering faculty will meet by discipline at the fall 2013 Fac2Fac. The four disciplines with the highest enrollment will be convened first.

D. ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

1. **Phase 4: Procurement of Signatures - NONE**

2. **Phase 3: Final Review**

- a. **Agriculture** – email forwarding draft agreements sent to CCCS, AIMS, CSU-FC for final review on 12/12/12; deadline 1/25/13. Need response from CSU-FC. CSU-FC has responded – these three will move to Phase 4.

- AG Business
- Animal Science
- Soil & Crop Science

3. **Phase 2: ICIR**

- a. **Communication** – sent to GEC on 12/4/12 for ICIR; deadline 2/1/13.

- Comments to discuss from MSU Denver and CSU-FC. [See handouts: 1) *GEC Comments re COMMUNICATION Agreement*; 2) *STAA – COMMUNICATION – Phase 2 ... CSU Proposals.*]

GE Council agreed CSU’s proposed changes should be accepted as V.2, Phase 2 and sent out for review. The title of the agreement needs to be changed to include the emphasis in Speech Communication. Sheila T. will provide exact language for the title before it gets sent back out.

- b. **English** – sent to GEC on 12/4/12 for ICIR; deadline 2/1/13.
- Comment from MSU Denver: “...we should discuss the question about the ENG prefix and whether a note is needed about that.” [See handouts: 1) *Handout – 2013-02-11 – ENGLISH Agreement*; 2) *Email & Tally re ENG...*; 3) *STAA – ENGLISH – Phase 2....*]
 - Comment from UCD: “The current draft English articulation agreement allows for any gtPathways approved literature course to count toward the English literature at the receiving baccalaureate institution. This is a very different approach than other articulation agreements, which take the specify gt and non-gt discipline courses that count toward the baccalaureate degree.”
 - Still need to hear from CMC, CSU-FC, FLC, UCB, UCD, UCCS, UNC, WSCU.
 - GE Council agreed to delete the bottom footnote that reads, “Please note: Additional LIT courses beyond...”
 - GE Council agreed that UNC, UCCS, WSCU, and FLC should notify the group if their institutions can make this version of the agreement work by the next GE Council meeting (March 11, 2013).
- c. **Geography** – sent to GEC on 11/28/12 for ICIR, deadline 1/22/13.
- Still need to hear from UNC.
- d. **Geology** – sent to GEC on 12/13/12 for ICIR; deadline 2/8/13.
- Still need to hear from CMC, CMU, ~~CSM?~~ CSU-FC, FLC, UCB, UNC, WSCU.
- e. **Philosophy** – V.2 (ICIR) sent to GEC on 1/2/13, deadline 2/4/13.
- Comments to discuss from FLC and MSU Denver. [See handout: *Comments re PHILOSOPHY Agreement – 2013-02-11.*]
- The following changes were agreed to by GE Council:
- In the Gen Ed Requirements, the additional 3 credits from the AHUM/HI/S&BS combo were moved back into the S&BS content category, thereby requiring 6 credits from S&BS. This move keeps this agreement in alignment with past STAAs and the original template.
 - Remove “for the Major” from the Additional Required Courses section title.
 - Move CSU’s requested “Please note” so that it applies to the entire section.
 - The Phase 2, V.3 agreement will be re-sent to the discipline group as an “information item” only.
4. **Phase 1: Curriculum Worksheet Creation & Verification**
- a. **Art History** – to be reconvened at spring 2013 Fac-to-Fac.
 - b. **Biology/Chemistry/Physics** – to be reconvened at spring 2013 Fac-to-Fac. Update on fall Chemistry discussions?
 - c. **Music** – draft CWS, V.2 and notes (re-) sent to discipline group on 12/14/12 with changes discussed at December GEC meeting; deadline 2/8/13.
 - d. **Studio Art** – to be reconvened at spring 2013 Fac-to-Fac.
 - e. **Theatre** – draft CWS + notes sent to discipline group for verification on 12/17/12; deadline 2/8/13.

VI. Other Business?

- Fall 2013 Fac2Fac to include the following disciplines:
 - **Elementary Education**
 - **Early Childhood Education** *(Note: DHE will receive \$26,000 from the federal Early Learning Challenge grant to pay for faculty and staff travel to meetings to revise this agreement and ensure alignment with the Early Childhood Competency Framework. Funds must be used 7/1/2014 to 2/28/2015.)
 - **Engineering** (including Civil Engineering Technology because this is the only engineering degree CSU-Pueblo has). Ian will use SURDS enrollment data to figure out which 4 engineering disciplines have the highest enrollments and we will start with those.
- FLC will be submitting multiple requests for currently approved gtPathways courses to change from 3 to 4 credits, with no or insignificant content changes. GE Council agreed no formal review was necessary in this case.
- As regards the following note on the handout for agenda item V.C. above:

At its April 1, 2004 meeting, the Commission granted waivers to engineering, engineering technology, computer science and related programs (exempt from the 120 credit limit but with the stipulation that all programs must “guarantee that students will be able to complete the program requirements in 4 years”) and all degree programs at Colorado School of Mines (exempt from the 120 credit limit).

It was discussed that the 4-year requirement might be a good item to ask CCHE to undo for some degrees. This can be a potential agenda item for the next GE Council meeting.